

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2021

The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Chair
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
H-310 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt,
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cartwright and Ranking Member Aderholt,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$140,000 for the purchase of body-worn cameras by the City of Syracuse, with the City Hall located at 233 E Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would allow the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse Police Department to continue bolstering community-police relations.

In recent years, the City of Syracuse and Syracuse Police Department have undertaken significant efforts to promote trust and transparency by equipping the majority of their uniformed police officers with body-worn cameras. The requested amount of \$140,000 would outfit the remaining 14 uniformed sergeants of the Syracuse Police Department with body-worn cameras.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Katko
Member of Congress